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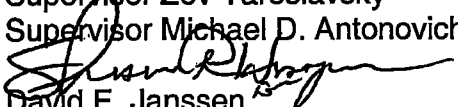
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DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 - LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP)

The purpose of this memo is to give you a status report on the County's hazard mitigation planning efforts. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) is the latest legislation to implement the hazard mitigation process. DMA 2000 (Public Law 106-390), signed by the President on October 30, 2000, reinforces the importance of mitigation planning and emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur. To implement the DMA 2000 planning requirements, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published Interim Final Rules (IFRs) in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002 and October 1, 2002. These IFRs established the mitigation planning requirements for local governments and required that in order to remain eligible to receive federal funding for both pre-disaster and post-disaster project funding, a local government must, by November 1, 2004, have a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) written in accordance with Section 322 of the Act.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) conducted its first training on DMA 2000 requirements in Los Angeles County in June, 2003. On September 2, 2003, the County contracted with Dimensions Unlimited, Inc., to work with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop the County's plan. Dimensions Unlimited is a firm with many years of experience in preparing emergency and hazard mitigation plans.

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Dimensions has established a County Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee from which several subcommittees and working groups have been formed. With assistance from County departments, Dimensions has been able to identify County contract services, assets, critical facilities, and historical information on past and ongoing hazard mitigation measures that will be used to identify future mitigation strategies. In addition, Dimensions has assisted OEM in successfully applying for grants to support the planning process. We fully expect the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan to be ready by FEMA's November 2004 deadline.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Yolanda Pahua at (323) 980-2260 in the County Office of Emergency Management.

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